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[redacted] Director of
Operational Services, NSA

SUBJECT: Special Estimate on Algeria

1. The Director has approved the attached request by Mr. Hilsman for an estimate on the implications and likely consequences of a French decision to adopt a policy of partition in Algeria. You will note that the request calls for completion of USIB action on 24 January.

2. It is requested that your representatives meet with us at 1400 hours, Thursday, 4 January 1962, in Room 7E62, Langley Building to make oral contributions to this estimate.

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The Director of Intelligence and Research

Washington

22 December 1961

Dear John:

We feel a need exists for an estimate covering the implications and likely consequences of a French decision to adopt a policy of partition in Algeria. Such a policy would involve the regrouping of the local European population in certain limited coastal zones. While we recognize that partition currently is regarded as undesirable by President de Gaulle, there is a possibility that he will feel compelled to accept this step as the only means of dealing with the Algerian impasse.

The repercussions of partition would prove extremely hazardous, possibly leading to a heightening of violence in Algeria and further Communist Bloc involvement in the conflict. We would like an estimate which evaluates the likely consequences in terms of effects on: (1) the PAG; (2) Moroccan and Tunisian relations with France; (3) Bloc influence in North Africa; (4) NATO; (5) France's attitude toward the US, with particular reference to US action either in a UN vote adverse to France or in contributing to a UN intervention in Algeria.

We are most anxious to have the proposed SNIE by January 24.

Sincerely,

/s/

Roger Hilsman

The Honorable
John A. McCone,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington

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